

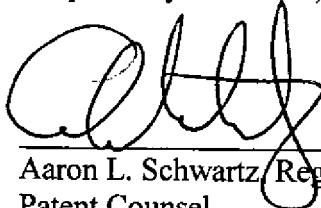
REMARKS

Upon entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-11 and 15 will be pending in this application. Applicant has amended claim 4 to omit an extra comma (,); and amended claim 8 to provide the sequence identification number for the recited sequence and insert a period (.). Applicant has not raised any issue of new matter, and entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

Applicants do not believe that any other fee is due in connection with this filing. If, however, Applicants do owe any such fee(s), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee(s) to Deposit Account No. **02-2334**. In addition, if there is ever any other fee deficiency or overpayment under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or 1.17 in connection with this patent application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such deficiency or overpayment to Deposit Account No. **02-2334**.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and request that it be allowed. The Examiner is requested to call the Undersigned if any issues arise that can be addressed over the phone to expedite examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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